FISCAL NOTE

Bill #:   SB0139   **Title:**   Protect minors from obscenity over
                                                          Internet in libraries

Primary
Sponsor: Jack Wells   **Status:**   As Introduced-Revised

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Sponsor signature   Date   Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director   Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY2002 **Difference**	**FY2003** **Difference**
Expenditures:		
General Fund	896	896
Revenue:		
General Fund	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	**($896)**	**($896)**

Yes	**No**		**Yes**	**No**	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:
1. The Montana State Library would develop and distribute a certification form for 79 public libraries, send
   follow-up letters, and make calls to receive back the forms at an addition cost for printing and stamps of
   $96 per year.
2. Three consultants would audit for fiscal accountability of 10 percent site verifications per year and
   randomly check eight libraries per year at an average yearly travel cost of $800.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY2002 Difference	FY2003 Difference
Expenditures:		
Operating Expenses	$896	$896
Funding:		
General Fund (01)	$896	$896
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):		
General Fund (01)	($896)	($896)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:
Local public libraries would need to purchase filtering systems and annual updates. The alternative for libraries to comply with this law would be to provide no Internet access. Products range in price from $100 to $1,000 and prices would vary by library depending on the product selected, the library's computer system, and the number of computers in the library.   Average libraries would pay $500 each to install filters.   Thus, with 110 estimated libraries needing the product, the total local impact on expenditures would be about $55,000 with no additional sums for which to finance this cost.